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The standard of Exhibitor's works displayed in the Hall and the Agricultural sections was very high, giving the judges a few headaches making their decisions on the winners!



Find Show prize winners on page 16 and 17.



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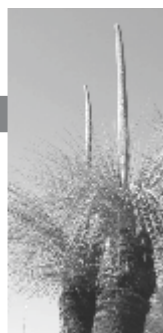
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Gidge Gossips

By Sally Block

Last Gidgegram of this year so a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Dare we hope for a peaceful 2024 or is that too much to ask? We should really appreciate that we live in a place such as Gidgegannup and for our community.

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Local Elections now over after a protracted count. Must admit I am not a great fan of preferential voting – First past the post seems to me to be the popularly elected candidate. Also have never been a supporter of compulsory voting, but with less than a third of the population voting if it is not compulsory, there might be a case. Though if you don't want to vote maybe you have no opinion on who should govern, and you might well be right! Congratulations to Rod Henderson who was returned as our local candidate. Good result and the right one as Rod does a remarkable job as Councillor, along with Charlie Zannino. We are fortunate in our Councillors who do listen to us.

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The Show has come and gone and was a great day for so many people and a big thank you to the volunteers for all their work. Events like this just don't happen, they need months of work from many people. On this subject, next week we say goodbye to Jen and Ian Kent who have lived in Gidge for some twenty years. They have contributed greatly to our community and we are going to miss them, though I think we will still be seeing something of them. Thanks to you both for all the work you have put in, particularly on the Field Day. The good news on the Field Day is that Felicity Morgan is joining the Committee which will reduce our average age considerably and she will bring a fresh perspective. Welcome Felicity. Yes – the name is familiar, Penny Morgan, Jim Morgan. She has a very good pedigree for volunteering.

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Talking of breeding our lovely mare Ruby has had a stunning Colt. She lost her last one due to our Rye Grass toxicity incident in 2022 and the look on that Mare's face when she saw our other mare with her foal was so sad, she wanted to know where hers was. Very possessive of this foal, whose name is Bertie. Weaning will be interesting.

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The cows are still producing so there is going to be some serious sorting out of our herd. It is interesting that despite the low rainfall this year (540mm here) there has been a lot of

growth, just not much run off and most people are short of water in their dams. The Equitus coming through our place is dry and the Wooroloo is not much better. The Wooroloo used to run through our property all year 20 years ago but not so now. This is not only due to rainfall decreasing, but to a proliferation of dams, mostly for aesthetic purposes, depriving downstream landowners of much needed water. Possibly a revision of the policy on water allocation is needed.

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With lower water storage in dams, which is not always the best form of storage with evaporation and pollution, comes the need for more rainfall tanks. Water is a commodity we can't do without, for livestock and for fire control.

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Which brings us to the need for our firebreaks to be in place NOW and fuel mitigation being ongoing. Our fuel mitigation comes in the form of our livestock which do eat the place out and we rotate them through the paddocks to get the best result. This also helps to control weeds and improve pasture.

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The aerial fleet has been activated to protect agricultural assets and, we hope, built assets. It will be a relief to see the large planes arrive as they are vital for effective bushfire control.

So a happy and safe Christmas and New Year to everyone, keep safe.

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For news and updates on organised activities follow the Community facebook pages and the Gidgegannup Progress Association face Book page. Most (if not all) of our community groups have face book pages and it is a very good way to keep in touch with what is going on and have your say.

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COUNCILLOR AND MAYOR

Candidates for the vacant position as Councillor for the Swan Valley/Gidgegannup Ward attended: Howard Dawson, Lauchlan Foley, Rod Henderson, James Rhys, Mario Romeo, Smadar Turner. The GPA, on behalf of the Gidgegannup Community would like to thank them for standing. A great discussion took place and all candidates made a good impression on those attending. However, no one could beat Cr. Rod Henderson who won by a good margin polling 1796 votes, with Smadar Turner (our Gidgegannup resident) second on 992. The turnout was 31.68% which was shameful, but not unusual. Would love to know the Gidgegannup contribution to that count as have a feeling, we, as usual, put a very good show on.

Our "popularly elected" Mayor is Tanya Richardson and congratulations – again vote was only 29.82%, so less than a third. Preferences played an important part in this result. Don't know how we get people to vote. Hardly could be called difficult to fill in a simple piece of paper and post it, but there you are.

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT;

On Tuesday last week, the Legislative Council passed the Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2023.

After passing both chambers of Parliament (Legislative Assembly and Council) the Act is now waiting for the Executive Council to convene so that the Governor can assent the Bill so it would subsequently become an Act of Parliament.

Once the Governor does this, the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 will be repealed.

The next Executive Council meeting is to be held next Tuesday, 31st of October. It is not clear if the Government intends to present the Bill to the Governor at this meeting or the next meeting (they are generally held each fortnight).

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GIDGESTOCK:

This event went very smoothly and was attended and enjoyed by many. The GPA have received a few complaints regarding noise, but the City have carried out a thorough survey of neighbours with only one objecting. The Gidgestock organisers have kindly agreed to have a meeting with those residents who have any concerns and they can discuss how they can come to agreement. This is a much preferable way than continuing to complain. The GPA would encourage those with matters to raise attend the meeting.

RED HILL AUDITORIUM (RHA);

GPA have now written to Main Roads:

The Gidgegannup Progress Association has had a number of complaints over the years regarding the Traffic Controls in place, particularly in regard to vehicles parking on the Toodyay Road and the dangers of people crossing the road.

Up until Covid times the management of the Auditorium had traffic plans in place, whereby buses were used to pick up those attending from various venues around Perth. They also utilised a paddock at the bottom of Red Hill as an overflow car park and attendees were trafficked in via shuttle buses. Neither of these practices now appear to be used. Thus we are getting this dangerous situation on the Toodyay Road. Maybe the Management of the Auditorium could be requested to resume these practices and stop people creating such dangerous situations.

We would be grateful if Main Roads could consult with the Management regarding this. We have now heard from Main Roads that they have been in contact with the organisers of the Red Hill Auditorium. A new Traffic Management Plan has been submitted to Main Roads and they have made some amendments to it, one of them being that no vehicles are to be parked on the Toodyay Road.

DEBRIS AND MUD ON TOODYAY ROAD;

GPA have written again to EMRC. Response as follows:

Apologies for my late response. Yes, we are busy looking at an alternative or additional options. We have our engineering team busy reviewing various options to see which is the best way forward for us. Once we finalise something, either Tanya or myself will send you an email that will explain what we have agreed to and the time period etc.

AFDRS UPDATE:

There appears to be a considerable improvement in the AFDRS systems performance with outcomes in terms of Fire Behaviour Indices broadly similar to the Fire Danger Indices under the previous framework, leading to much more appropriate Fire Danger Ratings, though there is inevitable "oscillation" either way due to incorporation of up to 8 fuel types in the modelling compared with the previous 2, and more sophisticated mathematical modelling compared to previous. There have been a number of technical improvements incorporated, based on the very extensive data gathered from WA by various stakeholders., as well as other

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GPA Report Continued

states that were also significantly affected, better modelling of the relevant fuel loads and types, rainfall effects on fuel condition, and detailed analysis of other aspects of the modelling.

It is a long way to go to do a full comparison with another couple of months of Spring/Restricted Burning Period to go, then of course summer, and complicated by the drier and warmer conditions for this spring compared to last year.

Having a lower bar for Fire Danger Rating for no burning (24 vs 32 previous) will mean that some of the "higher end" days when burning might have been allowed under the previous system will no longer be available, but is it really wise to be burning on those higher risk days?. Note that FDR last Wed was still "Moderate" when it got to the mid 30s in Gidge, and brigades were called out to 2 escaped burns in Gidge, one quite significant/risky with multiple brigades and shifts over 2 days, and patrolling/blacking out for several more days before deemed safe. Hope it isn't a promise of things to come as already seems to be happening in the eastern states.

It should be noted that in the first year of the AFDRS system, while Swan Inland North in particular was significantly "over-rated", so were quite a few other areas, including the Midwest, the Ashburton/Pilbara Coast, Inland Kimberley, Southern Interior and Eucla, while areas significantly "under-rated" included Gascoyne, Yilgarn, Ashburton Inland, and Kimberley Coast. There have been a number of technical improvements incorporated, based on the very extensive data gathered from WA by various stakeholders., as well as other states that were also significantly affected, better modelling of the relevant fuel loads and types, rainfall effects on fuel condition, and detailed analysis of other aspects of the modelling.

Indications are for the first "High" (but only just) Fire Danger Ratings this spring for Swan Inland North, including Gidge, for this coming Fri and Sat, not surprising with forecast warmer temps, very low humidity including

overnight, and sometimes fresh winds.

We are assured that air support will be in place for the Summer months and it appears.

AIR COVERAGE UPDATE

Aerial fleet activated to protect WA's grain harvest

Fixed-wing waterbombers will again be based in grain-growing regions to boost firefighting capability and reduce the severity of crop fires during the hottest stretch of harvest.

- Firefighting aircraft to be strategically based in agricultural areas during harvest
- Program has proven hugely successful at preventing crop fires from escalating
- Starting date brought forward in response to increasing fire danger in central WA.

Fixed-wing waterbombers will again be based in grain-growing regions to boost firefighting capability and reduce the severity of crop fires during the hottest stretch of harvest. Now entering its third year, the Grain Harvest Aerial Fleet allows strike teams to be deployed to high-priority fires at short notice, boosting response times across Western Australia's nine-million hectare grain production area. The fleet, originally scheduled to start its first deployment tomorrow, has been activated today in response to a trough that will increase fire danger ratings through central WA this week. Two strike teams will be periodically based throughout the Mid West-Gascoyne, Wheatbelt and Great Southern regions, with the duration of each deployment to be based on ongoing risk assessments. One team will start in Geraldton today and the second team will start on 8 November at Cunderdin in the Central Wheatbelt. Each strike team includes a five-person crew, two fixed-wing waterbombers, an air attack supervision aircraft and a fuel truck that can be deployed to assist ground crews. The fixed-wing waterbombers can cruise at a speed of 280km per hour, drop up to 3,150 litres of water, foam or retardant and require just minutes to refuel and reload.

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NORTH STONEVILLE UPDATE:

The WAPC, as invited by the SAT, will make a decision on whether or not to approve the amended structure plan by 11 December 2023. Given the significance of the amended structure plan, the WAPC itself will determine the amended structure plan, following a recommendation of the Statutory Planning Committee (SPC). Meeting dates for when the amended structure plan will be considered are as follows -

- **30 November 2023** – the SPC will meet to make a recommendation to the WAPC
- **7 December 2023** – the WAPC will meet to determine the amended structure plan.

The community will have an opportunity to make deputations to both the SPC and WAPC on the amended structure plan at a meeting on **23 November 2023**.

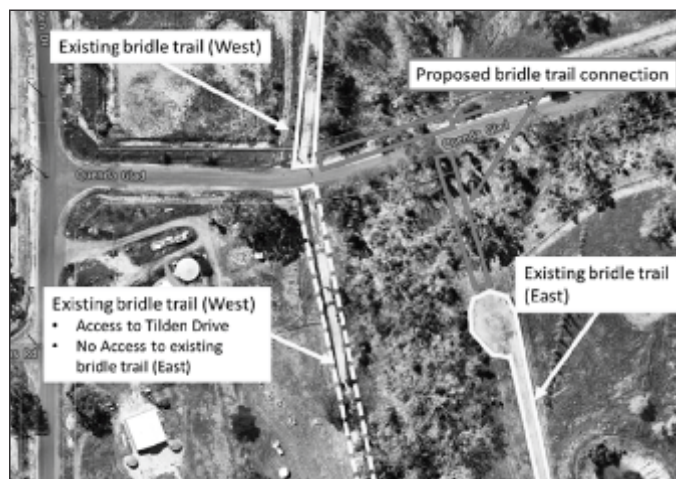
Details on meeting venues, how to make a deputation, and the planning report provided to the SPC and WAPC to reconsider the amended structure plan will be publicly available once they are finalised.

TILDEN PARK ALTERNATE ROUTE

As a local community member of Tilden Park, we are asking for your feedback on the proposed alternate route on Quenda Glade. The bridge connecting the Tilden Park trail track was lost in the recent Wooroloo fire, displacing the existing track. Traditional Owners are not in favour of re-instating the bridge due to heritage and cultural significance of the area, therefore the City is proposing a re-alignment of the track to provide an alternate bridleway connection, as shown in the image below.

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The Committee is slowly getting itself into gear to tackle the 2024 Field Day to be held on Sunday, 26th May 2024. Usually a fairly slow build up until the end of the year and then flat out.

We will be meeting with the Countryman shortly and getting back to work on the application form and advertising for the Field Day.

Gidgestock

This event was extremely successful once again and congratulations to the organisers on a well run event which is growing in popularity. Thanks also for their generous support of our Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades.

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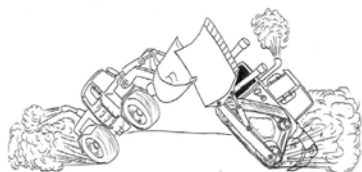
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Sturdy stockyards imperative for farm animals safety

Around the Paddock by The Farmer

The Gidge Show had a marvellous day with the weather, as good as it can get.

From what I saw the traffic was building up very early in the morning with a long queue of cars on Toodyay Road waiting to gain entry to the parking area. I sincerely hope that all who attend had a great day there.

This October weather this year has been not what we usually get, with little to no rain to finish off hay crops and keep the pasture that little bit greener until the hot weather comes in. Hay making was a couple of weeks earlier than usual and the amount to be cut in some cases was quite a bit less than normal.

Large Stock – Cattle

Calving for us this season has been a bonanza. The older breeding cows all have calves at foot and some heifers we have carried over, due to low sale yard prices, have calved also. Normally first time calvers present a couple of moments of angst but with an untried young bull we bred, he has proved beyond doubt that he will be a sire to use next season. All of the calves were the size of a medium Kelpie, and after a couple of weeks we have very healthy and powerful youngsters dominating the paddock.

Now this brings me to stock yards and animal handling safety. Are the yards suitable and safe for handling this size of animal? Well made (either home or commercially made) yards are very important.

Transportable panels are fine, as long as they are held firmly in place, either by jumbo sized star pickets or wooden posts (not skinny posts—tomato stakes).

If a raceway and head bale are incorporated into the configuration, it must be made totally immovable.

Cattle can have a huge amount of unknown power, sometimes unleashed, whilst being held in enclosures. I can attest to this first hand.

They can be as quite as lambs in open spaces, but become very agitated and unpredictable when in small enclosures, such as stock yards.

Don't be making stock yards from sub-standard materials.

I've seen all sorts of home made malfunctions over the years, the worst being bush-wood posts and rails tied together with baling twine and wire.

Races and ramps have to be of the best quality, and be strong enough to take the weight of the animals, when loading or unloading on or off a truck, trailer or ute.

If they don't feel happy about coming up or down a ramp, they can make life very difficult, perhaps dangerous—to you and themselves.

If the loading ramp that you use has gaps in the floor and the animals to be loaded can see through to the ground, often they balk and will not walk up. Always endeavour to block out any resistance that might cause them to back up. Bright and shiny steel is another that can cause loading problems.

Smaller stock—SHEEP etc

These animals still need to be treated with a great deal of respect, much the same stockyards, race and crush as for cattle. A big ewe, wether or ram can inflict as much damage to you as cattle can do, and they can also produce raw power without warning.

I know from experience just how fast these animals can move, and if hit, the results can be devastating. Loading ramps can be either:

- (a) A fixed structure—in this case set to a truck or ute height.
- (b) The platform can be hinged so it can be set to the height of the vehicle to be used.
- (c) Portable ramps, are usually made to standard truck height. If a portable ramp is used be sure to stabilise it to the vehicle, either by chaining it to the vehicle or fasten it to the ground..

If you are unsure about handling stock in yards for marking or transport, play it safe, and get proper advice.

Best to be SAFE - not SORRY - or WORSE.

Always take care and be wary of the unexpected. Misadventure can cause broken arms or missing teeth. As this is the last Gidgegram for the year, I hope these articles have been of some benefit to you. So I hope the coming summer months are not too horrendous, and you and your property will remain safe in the coming season.

Firebreaks need to be in and maintained to the required standard, and now slashing is also required if there are not enough mouths chomping away at the grass.

Keep firebreaks free of rocks and wood, as these obstacles can cause a drama if a fire unit has a need to be on the break in the case of a fire.

If the God's are willing and all stars are aligned, I will be hopefully, be contributing again in 2024.

I would like to wish everyone all the best for the Christmas and New Year period. Stay safe people.



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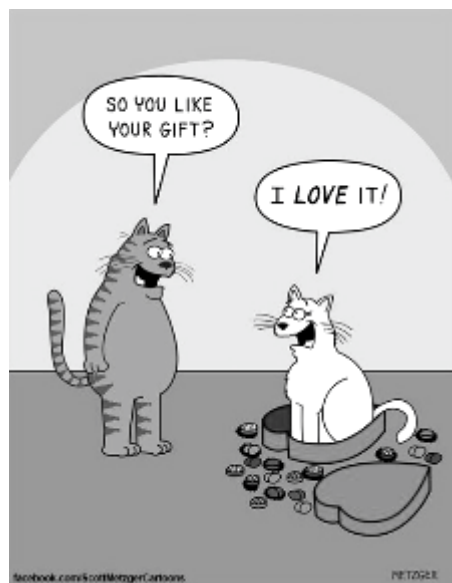
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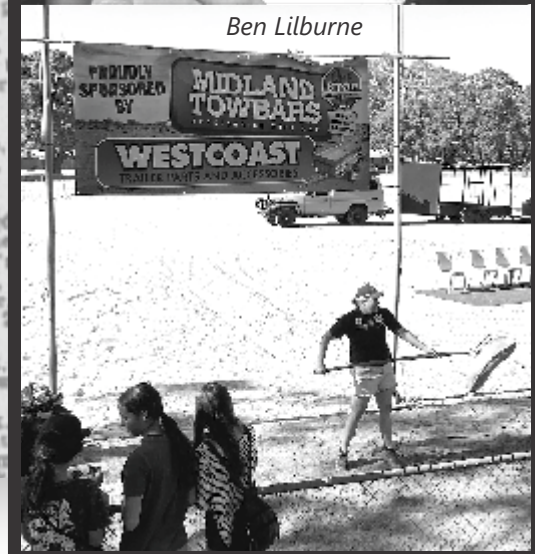
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A special congratulations to Ben - his first time and he beat all the seasoned entrants. Well done!

As we look ahead to next year, I would love to find out more about the history of the Sheaf Toss. (I am told that Angie White won the first women's toss). If you know any details or have any pics, please forward them to us so that we can compile a history of the event both here in Gidge and wherever else it was or is being held.

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